

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A host controller, for use in a bus communication device comprising a host microprocessor and a system memory, the host controller comprising:
 - a first interface for direct connection to a memory bus which connects the host microprocessor and the system memory, such that the host controller is adapted to act only as a slave on the memory bus;
 - an internal memory, for storing a plurality of transfer-based transfer descriptors received through the first interface; and
 - a second interface, for connection to an external bus,

wherein the host controller is adapted to:

 - execute stored transfer-based transfer descriptors;
 - update the content of the stored transfer-based transfer descriptors on execution; and
 - copy the updated stored transfer-based transfer descriptors to the system memory.
2. (original) A host controller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the internal memory is a dual-port RAM.
3. (original) A host controller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the internal memory is a single-port RAM, and the host controller further comprises an arbiter to allow data to be written to and read from the RAM essentially simultaneously.

4. (original) A host controller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the internal memory is divided into two parts, and is adapted to store transfer-based transfer descriptor headers in a first part, and to store transfer-based transfer descriptor payload data in a second part.
5. (original) A host controller as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first part of the internal memory is sub-divided into two sub-parts, and is adapted to store transfer descriptor headers relating to periodic transfers in a first subpart, and to store transfer descriptor headers relating to asynchronous transfers in a second sub-part.
6. (original) A host controller as claimed in claim 5, wherein the host controller is adapted to scan the first sub-part of the internal memory once in each micro-frame, and is adapted to scan the second sub-part continuously throughout each micro-frame.
7. (original) A host controller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the host controller is a USB host controller and the second interface is a USB bus interface.
8. (original) A host controller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the internal memory is adapted to store multiple micro-frames of transfer descriptors, and to execute the stored transfer descriptors without intervention from the host microprocessor.
9. (original) A host controller as claimed in claim 8, wherein each of the multiple micro-frames of transfer descriptors may store payload data relating to one or more of isochronous, interrupt and bulk data transfers.

10. (previously presented) A bus communication device, comprising:
 - a host microprocessor;
 - a system memory;
 - a memory bus, which connects the host microprocessor and the system memory;and
 - a host controller, wherein the host microprocessor is adapted to form transfer-based transfer descriptors, and write the transfer-based transfer descriptors to the system memory and to the host controller, and wherein the host controller comprises:
 - a first interface for direct connection to the memory bus, such that the host controller is adapted to act only as a slave on the memory bus;
 - an internal memory, for storing a plurality of transfer-based transfer descriptors received through the first interface; and
 - a second interface, for connection to an external bus,
wherein the host controller is adapted to:
 - execute stored transfer-based transfer descriptors;
 - update the content of the stored transfer-based transfer descriptors
on execution; and
 - copy the updated stored transfer-based transfer descriptors to the
system memory.
11. (original) A bus communication device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the second interface of the host controller is a USB bus interface, and the bus communication device is adapted to act as a USB host.
12. (original) A bus communication device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the host microprocessor is adapted to write a plurality of micro-frames of transfer descriptors to the system memory and to the host controller, and the host controller is adapted to execute the plurality of micro-frames of transfer descriptors without intervention from the host microprocessor.

13. (new) A host controller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first interface comprises:
 - a memory mapped input/output;
 - a memory management unit; and
 - a slave direct memory access (DMA) controller.
14. (new) A host controller as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first interface comprises registers.
15. (new) A host controller as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a logic unit, wherein the logic unit comprises the second interface.
16. (new) A host controller as claimed in claim 15, further comprising an internal bus coupled between the registers and the logic unit, wherein the internal bus is configured to carry control signals from the registers to the logic unit.
17. (new) A host controller as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an external connection to the first interface, wherein the external connection is configured to carry control and interrupt signals.
18. (new) A bus communication device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the host controller further comprises:
 - a memory mapped input/output;
 - a memory management unit;
 - a slave direct memory access (DMA) controller; and
 - registers.
19. (new) A bus communication device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the host controller further comprises:
 - a logic unit, wherein the logic unit comprises the second interface; and
 - an internal bus coupled between the registers and the logic unit, wherein the internal bus is configured to carry control signals from the registers to the logic unit.

20. (new) A bus communication device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the host controller further comprises an external connection to the first interface, wherein the external connection is configured to carry control and interrupt signals.